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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on September 5, 2006, Applicant elects the invention of Group 23, claims 12-15, 18, 20-21. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants note the Examiner's acknowledgement that this restriction is subject to the nonallowance of linking claims 12-14 and that "the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application" (Office Action, p. 4).

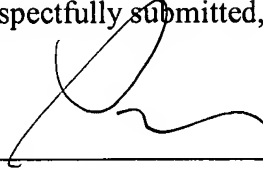
Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Restriction Requirement for

three months, to and including January 5, 2007, and a check in payment of the required extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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